Remarks

By this amendment after final, Applicant has cancelled claims 5, 6, 8, and 14-16 without prejudice. As a result, now pending in this application are claims 1-4, 9-13, and 18.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment, which puts the case in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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